

Pre-College begins academic year with ASL, deaf culture conference

American Sign Language (ASL) is widely regarded as a beautiful and expressive mode of communication and a source of pride and unity to the deaf community. But many people, both deaf and hearing, feel threatened by ASL.

To help Pre-College faculty and staff understand ASL better, Pre-College Programs' Professional Development Office presented a conference at MSSD on the many qualities of the language.

Lori Bonheyo, coordinator of professional development at Pre-College, believes that lack of information about ASL has caused negative feelings about the language for some people and that learning to understand something eases feelings of anxiety and brings about acceptance.

The "ASL And Deaf Culture Mini-Conference" on Aug. 28 began with a talk by keynote speaker Benjamin Bahan, coordinator of deaf studies at Boston University, who explained that any mode of communication used by deaf people, especially manual forms of expression, tends to follow basic tenets of ASL because of their natural in-

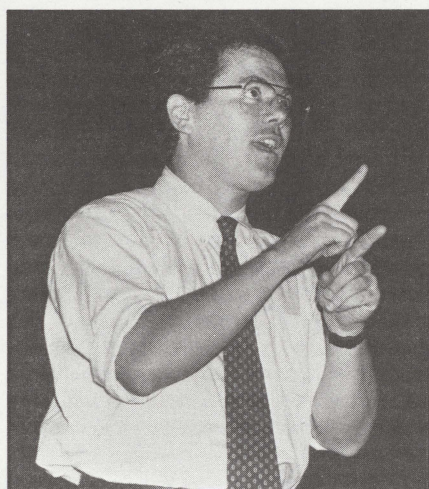
clination to use the rules of structure, space, and expression that make up the language. He noted that it is important for people who use sign language to communicate freely in ASL, but not to lose sight of the importance of obtaining good English skills.

Director of Admissions James Tucker, a former English teacher and linguistics researcher at the Salk Institute in San Francisco, urged the audience to become fluent in ASL and to experiment with it "because it has power." He pointed to the superiority of ASL over other forms of manual communication, but he also gave credit to the English language. "I live in an English-speaking society, so naturally, I borrow English words—That's okay. ASL has order, concepts, and fluidity, but it borrows from English."

Other speakers included Chuck Gramley, a teacher of ASL linguistics and interpreting at Columbus State Community College, who demonstrated the effectiveness of ASL in teaching deaf children; and Jennifer McMillan and Janet Weinstock, ASL structure and deaf culture teachers in MSSD's Department of Communication, who gave insights on the deaf community and culture and urged participants to be aware of their roles in educating deaf students and to think about what they can do to contribute to the lives of deaf children.

"As coordinator [of the mini-conference] I am pleased to say that it went extremely well," said Bonheyo. "The presentations were all done in a nonthreatening way, and many people commented that they learned so much in one day. This was a wonderful way to open the new school year."

Bonheyo said that other professional development workshops will be given during the school year on ASL and deaf culture.



Admissions Director James Tucker speaks about ASL to Pre-College personnel on Aug. 28.

Upcoming play to benefit Smith fund

"I Didn't Hear That Color," a play written and directed by Gallaudet Public Relations Associate Bob Daniels, will be performed Sept. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium.

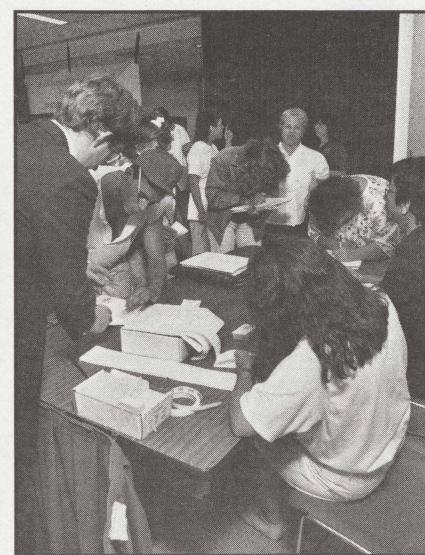
The play, sponsored by the Theatre Arts Department, takes a look at how black deaf people perceive the world in which they live. Vignettes based on real-life stories of various black deaf people weave together topics including racial prejudice in sign language, beauty in art and culture, oppression that goes beyond color and loss of hearing, and the joys of being a black deaf person.

The Gallaudet performances will benefit the Linwood Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund. Smith, who was deaf, was active nationally on behalf of deaf people and coordinated the first Black Deaf Advocates Conference. He co-authored *Black and Deaf in America* and wrote a book of poetry entitled *Silence, Love and Kids I Know*.

Tickets for the performances at Elstad can be reserved by calling x5500 (V) and x5502 (TDD). Box office hours are Sept. 10-13 from 2-5 p.m.; Sept. 14 from 2-8 p.m., and Sept. 15 from 5-8 p.m.



Balloons in Ely Center welcome new students to Kendall Green (left), and new students register for classes (right). Classes at Kendall Green and Northwest Campus began Sept. 4.



Gallaudet campuses in full swing as students begin fall semester

After a long, languid summer, Gallaudet's campuses once again bustled with activity when new and graduate students arrived for new student orientation (NSO) programs Aug. 20.

The University's Office of Enrollment Services reported that 620 new and undergraduate and graduate students enrolled to begin classes Sept. 4 on both the Kendall Green and Northwest campuses. The enrollment figures show that 229 are freshmen, 198 are preparatory students at Northwest Campus, 156 are graduate students, 20 are nondegree undergraduate special students, 12 are English Language Institute students at Northwest, and five are enrolled in the Office Systems Program at Northwest.

The data also reveal that, of the Gallaudet undergraduates, 30 percent are transfer students, 14 percent represent international populations, and 11 percent are minority students.

This year's new student population represents a 50 percent increase from 1980, an Enrollment Services official said.

Classes also started Sept. 4 for students at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School. MSSD expects 148 new students, including enrollees in the Postsecondary Enrichment Program (PEP), bringing the total enrollment at MSSD to about 340. Kendall Demonstration Elementary School has 13 new students this year.

NSO programs on both campuses run for two weeks and strive to acquaint students with the Washington, D.C., area and help them adjust to Gallaudet and university life. The programs involve parent orientation, tests to determine class placement in mathematics and English, and academic advising.

At Northwest Campus, new Provost

Harvey Corson welcomed students to Gallaudet on their first day of NSO. The following day, they attended a Student Fair in the gymnasium, which provided information on the school's various facilities and programs. Also during the week, workshops were given to students, many of whom had never been to a residential school before, on topics such as culture shock, how to use an interpreter, procedures to follow in case of an emergency, and communication skills.

"It's quite an intensive program, but it is meant to help students through the year here," said Cindy Edwards, NSO coordinator at Northwest Campus. "During the week they get to meet a variety of people and get a feel for what classes will be like." Edwards added, "A lot of parents came up to me at the end of the program and said that they feel a lot more comfortable about leaving their children here now that they know what it's like."

In addition to taking the array of tests that occupied much of their week, NSO students at Kendall Green received information on the Student Body Government, dormitory policies, computer services, and registration procedures. They also attended workshops on dating—which included facts about sexual harassment and what to do if confronted with date rape—and participated in tours and field trips around the city, a volleyball tournament, skits, and a "Gollywood Squares" game show that included Dr. Corson as a featured panelist.

"I've had no one saying they want to leave, so that's positive!" said Norma Buemi, the University's NSO coordinator.

Buemi commented that NSO ran remarkably well this year, even though

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Audiologist Lisa Devlin demonstrates a middle ear analyzer for Samuel Fiase, assistant director of special education in Ghana and an audiological consultant at a military hospital in Accra, Ghana's capital. Fiase, who was the first African student of Andrew Foster—Gallaudet's first black graduate—studied for a year at Gallaudet before training as an audiologist at Northwestern University. He spent the past month here, hosted by the School of Communication, learning more about audiological assessment and rehabilitation.

Announcements

KDES requests that on-campus phone calls to faculty and staff now be made through individual extension numbers, as printed in the campus directory, or through E-mail accounts. Each KDES employee now has an E-mail account. Please do not use the x5031 extension number until further notice.

The Department of Safety and Security has set new hours for its traffic and ID sections, effective for the fall semester. The hours are: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. for MSSD only; Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon; and Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m.

A gala fashion show to benefit the Linwood Smith Scholarship Fund will be held on the second floor of the Gallaudet cafeteria on Oct. 10, beginning with a luncheon at 11:15 a.m. and the show at 12:15 a.m. Faculty, staff, and students will model fashions from Nordstrom Department Stores. There will also be a disc jockey and door prizes. Linwood Smith was a black deaf

man who was involved in the deaf community, particularly with helping black people. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Angela Gilchrist, x3553.

"Getting Ahead in the 1990s" is the title of a Deaf Women's Conference on Employment seminar, sponsored by The National Academy, that will be held at Gallaudet Oct. 11 and 12. Participants will learn about issues in the workplace, career development, financial concerns, and personal issues. The keynote speaker will be Barbara Jean (BJ) Wood of the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For more information, or to register, call Bridgetta Bourne, x5096.

The Gallaudet campus is invited to volunteer at Miriam's Kitchen, a breakfast program for homeless people, at Western Presbyterian Church, 19th and H St. NW, Washington, DC. Upcoming fall semester dates are Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 4. Carpools leave from behind West Office Building at 6 a.m. Carpool drivers also are needed. To sign up, send E-mail to BJWHITE, or call x5160 at least three days before the event.

Students learn about deaf culture

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there was much more testing than in the past. She also said that far more students with mainstream rather than residential backgrounds were in the program this year, but that adjustment to campus life has been very good. She said that this could be attributed to the fact that this year trained group leaders were running the programs.

For the first time in the University's history, incoming graduate students participated in a seminar on deaf culture. According to Cindy Wallace, coordinator of graduate recruitment in the Department of Graduate Studies, many new hearing graduate students have sign language skills, in varying degrees, but most are ignorant about deaf culture. The seminar served as another way to help the students understand and become part of the University community.

Gallaudet Workout classes begin

Gallaudet University staff, faculty, and students can choose from among three variations of aerobics classes, body conditioning, and ballroom dance in this fall's Gallaudet Workout program. The 12-week classes will begin the week of Sept. 17 and continue through Dec. 13 with a one-week break from Oct. 29 through Nov. 2.

The Gallaudet Workout, sponsored by the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, is designed for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people. The program's oldest aerobic class, called the "Fat Burner" because of its high energy format, is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. in the Dance Studio.

"Aqua Fit," formerly called "Waterworks," is back for a second year. This class of aerobic movements performed in the water is taught by Cindi Olson on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 5:50 p.m. in Hughes Gym pool.

In a new "Steps" class offered this year, students perform exercises to music using a platform that is similar to stairs. "Steps is a low impact, but very high intensity workout," said Gina Oliva, coordinator of the Aerobics and Fitness Training Institute of the Deaf, who will teach the class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 5:50 p.m. in the Field House Adaptive Room. Un-

like the other classes, Steps will begin Sept. 24 and continue through Dec. 13 with no break.

The body conditioning and toning class emphasizes floor work, strengthening exercises, and stretching movements. It will be taught by Priscilla Krisman on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. in the Dance Studio.

Sue Gill and Dr. John Schuchman are once again teaming up to teach a 12-week ballroom dance class on Wednesdays from 12:05 to 12:55 p.m. in the Field House gym.

A free Steps class will be offered on Thursday, Sept. 13, at noon in the Field House, and a free Fat Burner class is set for Friday, Sept. 14, at noon in the Dance Studio.

Registration for classes is Sept. 13-14 in the Field House, Room 101, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets for the Fat Burner, Body Conditioning, and Steps classes cost \$40 for 10 tickets. Aqua Fit tickets cost \$48 for 12 tickets, with a minimum purchase of 12 tickets required. The walk-in price for these classes is \$5 per class.

The 12-week ballroom dance class costs \$48. No walk-in students will be allowed in this class.

For more information, call Stacey Minich at x5591.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-Mail VWALTER. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received from Sept. 10-14 will appear in the Sept. 24 issue.

FOR SALE: '78 Toyota Celica GT Liftback, 5 speed, AC, AM/FM, loaded, 112K mi., reliable, \$850/BO. Call Del, x5068, or 998-0470 (TDD).

FOR SALE: New, still in the box, state-of-the-art Panasonic portable combination VCR w/7-in. color TV monitor w/remote control, has car cord and battery pack, must see, \$1,100. Call Kathy, x5260.

FOR SALE: Wood executive desk, 36 in. x 72 in., w/conference pullout, \$200. Call Jerry, x5040, or 322-3384 (TDD).

FOR SALE: '80 Vespa Moped, used less than 1K mi.; rear rack, cover, and lock; exc. cond. Call Irene, x5375 (TDD), or 424-3008 (TDD).

FOR RENT: 1870s farmhouse on 1 acre, secluded, 4 BRs, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen w/DW, W/D and pantry in laundry room, screened-in porch, \$1,200/mo. plus util. Call 577-1956 (V), or x5034 (TDD).

WANTED: Nonsmoker to share beautiful, spacious house in Bowie, Md., about 25-min. drive to Kendall Green, \$325/mo. inc. util., avail. now. Call Lori, x5346, or 805-1242 (TDD) eves.

FOR SALE: Furniture less than one year old: modern Southwest-style off-white sofa w/throw pillows, \$350/BO; contemporary dining room table w/leaf and 4 chairs, \$250/BO; executive desk w/walnut finish and brown swivel chair, \$250/BO; Kenmore microwave, \$150/BO. Call Murray, x5165, or Anjali, 933-8055 (TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: 4-BR house w/huge yard in Lanham, Md., W/D in basement, \$750/mo. plus util.; 2-BR apt. on Orleans Place NE, Washington, DC, less than 1 block from Kendall Green's main gate, renovated, like new, \$585/mo. plus util. Call Boris Bogatz, x5044, or 773-1710 (V/TDD).

FOR SALE: '72 VW Beetle w/new (not rebuilt) engine, good tires and brakes, good cond., \$1,200. Call Tony, 394-5054 (TDD) days, or 890-2752 (TDD) eves./weekends.

FOR SALE: Preschool teacher resource books, inc. song, fingerplay, activities, curriculum, and creative classroom guides, like new. Call Lynne, x5671.

FOR SALE: Pine Factory trundle bed, like-new cond., drawer can be used as second bed or storage, originally \$300, \$150. Call Mary P., x5090.

WANTED: Responsible, compatible male/female to share large house w/large yard w/garden, fully furnished inc. avail. BR w/double bed and dressers, easy, comfortable home, must love pets and kids, need your own transportation, avail. Sept. 1, \$400/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call Beth, x4043, or 942-5068 (V/TDD).

WANTED: Neat, responsible, male/female nonsmokers to share new 4-BR townhouse w/deaf owner in Olney, Md., 2 rooms avail., 3 1/2 baths, W/D, pool, tennis, large modern kitchen, 1 block from Metrobus that goes straight to Silver Spring Metro, good location for Northwest Campus personnel, couples and mature students welcome, \$250-\$350/mo. plus proportional share of util. Call 230-8547 (TDD) M-F, 924-3836 (TDD) eves./weekends.

FOR SALE: New This End Up furniture—computer desk, \$250; computer chair, \$85; small dining room table, 42x36x29 in., w/2 chairs, \$250. Call Kelly, 671-8355 (V) anytime.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

INTERPRETER/GUIDE: Hearing-Vision Impaired Program

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND STEWARDSHIP: Development Office

COORDINATOR OF RESIDENCE EDUCATION: MSSD Student Life

RESIDENCE EDUCATION ASSISTANT/SELF-IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR: MSSD Student Development

DIRECTOR, GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CENTER—KENDALL GREEN: College for Continuing Education

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST: Programs in Adult and Continuing Education

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